

## INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE “SECURITY FORUM 2010”

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On 11th February 2010 third annual scientific conference *Security Forum* took place at the Faculty of Political Sciences and International Relations (FPVMV) of Matej Bel University in Banská Bystrica. It was organized by the Department of Security Studies at FPVMV as one of its priority activities. Conference *Security Forum* presents a good opportunity for meeting and establishing cooperation, as well as friendly discussions between experts on the security issues and international relations. These meetings of security community are met with the growing popularity, which is documented by the constantly growing number of participants from the Slovak Republic, but also from abroad, mainly from the Czech Republic and Ukraine. Contributions presented at this conference, as well as those, which could not be officially presented due to the lack of time, will be published in the Proceedings of Conference with the eponymous title – *Security Forum 2010*.

The conference was officially opened and all participants were welcomed by the Head of the Department of Security Studies at FPVMV, **B. Kováčik**, who also introduced the activities of the department and outlined certain visions and possibilities of the future cooperation. Immediately after the official opening first discussion section followed, focused on the theoretical and terminological aspects of the security discourse. It was chaired by **J. Lasicová** from the Department of Security Studies. First speakers were already regular participants of the Conference **V. Jurčák** and **M. Labuzík** from the Academy of Armed Forces of the Slovak Republic in Liptovský Mikuláš. Their presentation was named „*Assessment of the security environment and security threats*“ and dealt with the methodological aspects of the scientific discipline or sub-discipline called Security studies. Second panelist of this section was the representative of the Ministry of Defense of the Slovak Republic, **P. Marchecka**, with his

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contribution „*Treatise on definition of the term security*“. He pointed to the legislative shortcomings when defining the term of security, which has an essential implication on the functioning of the whole security system in the Slovak Republic. Since this is a very current and important issue, it was followed by a very lively and inspiring discussion.

In the second section moderated by **J. Ušiak**, who is also from the Department of Security Studies of FPVMV, speakers focused mainly on the practical issues of national security. Experts from the Ukrainian National Aviation University in Kiev, **V. Zaplatynskyy**, **T. Konitsula** and **G. Golembiyevskyy** presented a treatise named „*Danger of Safety*“. After them representatives of Tomáš Baťa University in Zlín, Czech Republic, **M. Petruš** and **V. Mrkvička** covered the topic referring to the crisis management in the contribution called „*Risk-science and resolution of crisis situations*“. After hearing of all speakers followed again by the discussion, all participants were invited to have a common lunch.

After the lunch break, where the discussion continued in an informal atmosphere, the third negotiating section began, chaired by **R. Kazanský**. This part of the conference focused on various aspects of security, for example ecological. This issues were presented by **I. Uryadnikova** from the Ukrainian Academy of Safety and the Basis of Health in Odessa. Her contribution was called „*Ecological Safety During Exploitation of the Systems of Water Purification of Heat Power Complex*“. She yielded the floor to **M. Hodás** from the Office of the National Council of the Slovak Republic with the presentation concerning „*The Fight Against Terrorism and the Law of the European Union*“. He draw the attention to the legislative aspects of the national and international security, mainly in connection with the threat of terrorism.

Furthermore, the last fourth section of the conference, chaired again by **J. Lasicová** discussed the issue of terrorism from the various points of view. Another regular participant, **Š. Danics** from the Faculty of Security and Law of the Police Academy of the Czech Republic, came with his presentation „*Feminization and Infatization of Suicide Terrorism*“. He introduced the basic facts about this phenomenon, as well as the motivation and incentives of women and children, who commit these acts. Š. Danics was followed by the second speaker of this section, **B. Chamuradov** from the National Aviation Academy in Kiev. His presentation named „*Psychological Characteristics of the Terrorist*“ was also met with great participant's interest and appreciation. Exactly

as the previous speaker, his speech encouraged a very inspiring discussion.

After hearing of all mentioned presentations, discussing all irregularities and answering all questions a closing remarks and assessment of the conference followed by the Head of the Department of Security Studies, **B. Kováčik**. He thanked to all speakers and participants, as well as organizers of the conference for creating a very pleasant environment and for maintaining the continuity of the security community regular meetings. He yielded the floor to the Vice-Rector of the Armed Forces Academy (AOS) of the Slovak Republic, **P. Nečas** for his final remarks. Mr. **Nečas** also thanked to all participants and organizers and elevated a very professional nature of the discussion in a very friendly atmosphere. He appreciated dynamically developing cooperation between AOS and FPVMV in the field of the theoretical research of security issues and expressed the hope for the successful realization of the prepared project of the common study program focused on security, as well as for the further enlargement of cooperation between these two academic institutions.